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For: **METHOD FOR THE RECOVERY OF METALS USING CHLORIDE LEACHING
AND EXTRACTION**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Official Action dated January 2, 2008, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In addition, the applicants have petitioned for a one (1) month extension of time and paid concurrently herewith the appropriate fee for extending the period of response up to and including May 2, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a certified English translation of Finnish Patent Application No. FI 20021827 is attached following page 11 of this paper.